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SUBJECT: Application No. 09/904,825

A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was filed on 20 August, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 20 August, 2001, the date of deposit of the item(s) noted as omitted in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) mailed on 9 August, 2001.

In accordance with the procedure set forth in "Changes Relating To An Application Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53," page 11 (copy enclosed), the application is being returned to OIPE for issuance of a new filing receipt indicating a filing date of 20 August, 2001, and for repressing using the copy of Figures 8 & 9 supplied on 20 August, 2000.